



CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Incident Information Fact Sheet



Incident Name: Tyler Incident

Incident Location: 3700 block of Tyler

Type of Incident: Hazardous Materials Release

Incident Number: 18-0008571

Date Reported: 03/23/2018

Time Reported: 2:27 PM

Fatalities: 0 **Critical:** 0 **Moderate:** 0 **Minor:** 0 **Non Injury:** 12

Transported Ground Ambulance(s): 1

Loss: \$0

Save: \$0

Cause: leaking chemical

Control Time: 03/23/2018 1729

Evacuations: Yes

Evacuation Comments:

RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Fire Fighters: 12

Engine Companies: 1

Truck Companies: 0

Specialized Equipment: Haz Mat

Overhead Personnel: 2

Ambulance(s): 1

Water Tenders: 0

Utilities: No

Red Cross: No

Displaced Persons: No

CURRENT SITUATION

(Recent updates are posted at the top of Current Situation)

The City of Riverside Fire Department responded to a report of a suspicious odor inside the Big Lots Store on the 3700 Block of Tyler. When the first due Engine Company arrived on scene, they observed several people exiting the front of the store coughing. The Company Officer immediately upgraded the incident to a hazardous materials incident and requested an AMR unit. Riverside firefighters helped evacuate 12 occupants from the store, including patrons, and store employees. 5 of the occupants had symptoms that included burning lungs and throat. All of the occupants were evaluated by Riverside Paramedics with assistance from AMR. The City of Riverside Fire Departments Hazardous Materials Team arrived and sent a crew inside to sample the air and look for signs of a leak or release. The team discovered a container of drain cleaner that had been punctured and was leaking on the store shelving. The container was bagged up and removed from the store. The Haz-Mat team sampled the chemical and discovered that the cleaner contained Sodium Hypochlorite and Sodium Hydroxide. The building was opened up and ventilated, and the team re-entered the building to test for traces of the chemical. None were found. The 12 occupants that had been exposed to the chemical were allowed to leave the scene once they were medically evaluated. No other injuries occurred as a result of the chemical release.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

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